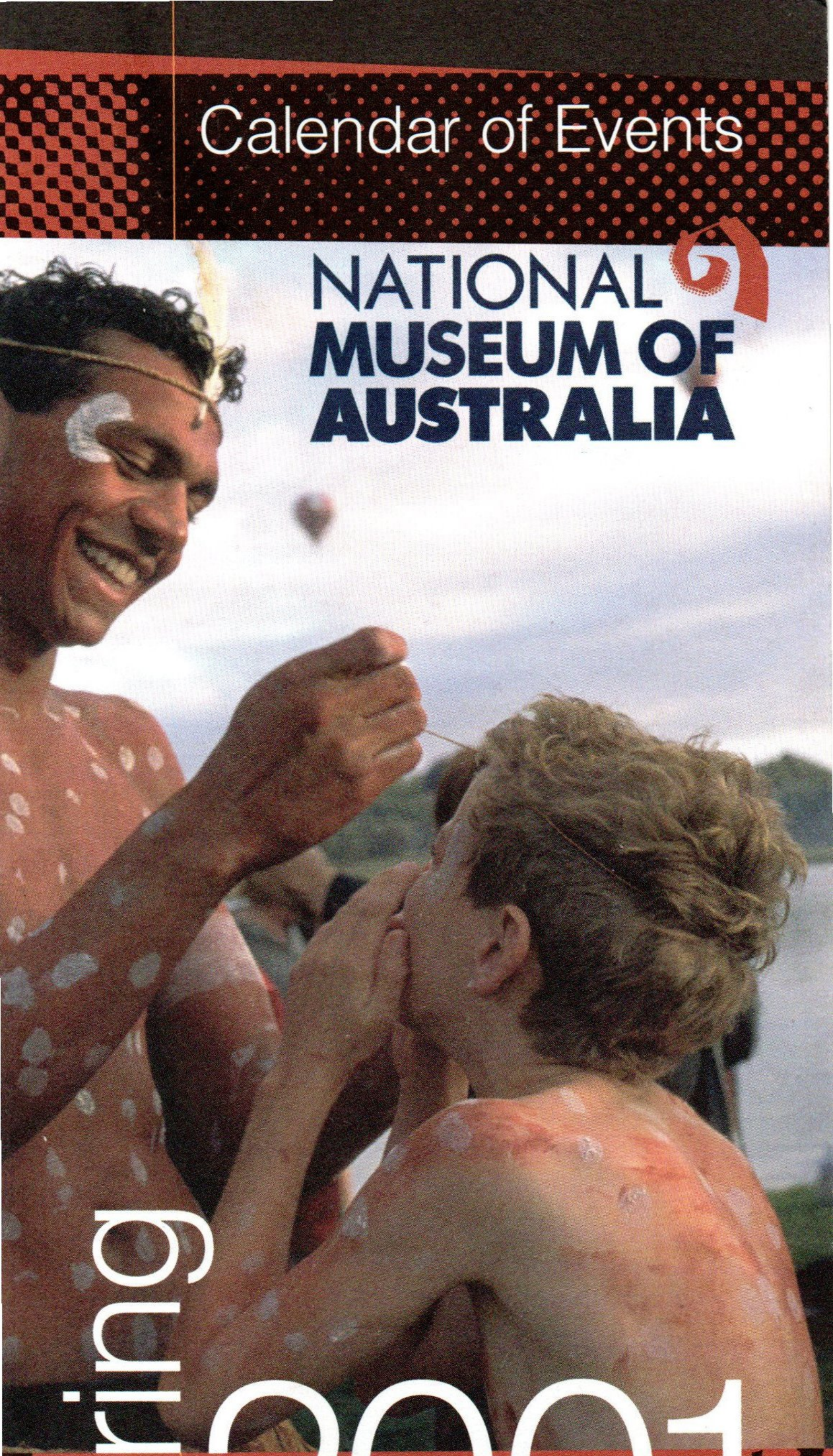
Calendar of Events

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA



Spring 2001

1 SEPTEMBER 2001 –
30 NOVEMBER 2001

september

Saturday 1
11.00am – 12.00pm Yowie Room
Face Painting. Limited numbers.

Sunday 2
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree. The Fat Fairy, Rindercella and other stories with Graeme Hume. Limit of 30.

Wednesday 5
10.00am – 11.00am Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree for under five-year-olds. Patsy Allen tells several stories within the hour. Limit of 30.

Thursday 6
5.30pm – 7.30pm Friends Lounge
Meet Ann Moyal, author of *The Platypus*. When the first specimen of a platypus arrived in England in 1799, it was greeted with astonishment and disbelief. This volume tells the story of a biological riddle that confounded scientists and challenged theories of creationism and evolution. Friends event — all welcome. Friends of the Museum $15; Guests $20. Bookings recommended: telephone Friends of the Museum on (02) 6208 5048.

Saturday 8
11.00am – 12.00pm Yowie Room
Face Painting. Limited numbers.
2.00pm – 2.45pm Studio
Alien Invasion — Science versus Rascally Rabbits and Prickly Pears: Performance. See School Holiday Program for description and costs.

Sunday 9
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree. Several stories are told within the hour. Limit of 30.

Wednesday 12
10.00am – 11.00am Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree for under five-year-olds. Paola Tulley tells several stories within the hour. Limit of 30.

Various times and locations throughout September
Yowie Hunt! Cadbury Yowies have escaped and have been spotted hiding in the Garden of Australian Dreams and in the galleries. If you see one, tell a staff member and you can take it home.

Saturday 15
11.00am – 12.00pm Yowie Room
Face Painting. Limited numbers.

Sunday 16
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree. Stories from around the world with Mary French. Several stories are told within the hour. Limit of 30.

Wednesday 19
10.00am – 11.00am Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree for under five-year-olds.
Patsy Allen tells several stories within the hour. Limit of 30.
2.00pm – 4.00pm Tea Lounge, Hyatt Hotel
Afternoon Tea at the Hyatt Hotel Canberra. A special behind-the-scenes tour of the Hyatt Hotel Canberra and wonderful afternoon tea. Friends event – all welcome. Friends of the Museum $16.50; Guests $19. Bookings essential: telephone Friends of the Museum on (02) 6208 5048.

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One of our giant pythons is missing! One of the giant pythons has disappeared from the *Australia's Lost Kingdoms* exhibition. If you see it and report its location to a staff member, you receive a free megafauna sticker.

Saturday 22
11.00am – 12.00pm Yowie Room
Face Painting. Limited numbers.
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Sunday 23
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree. Several stories are told within the hour. Limit of 30.

Wednesday 26
10.00am – 11.00am Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree for under five-year-olds. To help celebrate biodiversity month, listen to environmental stories with Marina Knight. Limit of 30.

Saturday 29
11.00am – 12.00pm Yowie Room
Face Painting. Limited numbers.

Sunday 30
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree. Stories from around the world with Anne E Stewart. Several stories are told within the hour. Limit of 30.

october

Wednesday 3 – Saturday 6 Peninsula Room
Friends as Advocates Conference. This conference will look at the various ways in which friends and members organisations can support and promote regional, state and national institutions to succeed in achieving their objectives. For more information, telephone Friends of the Museum on (02) 6208 5048.

Friday 5
7.30pm – 10.30pm The Hall
Friends as Advocates Conference Dinner. Join conference delegates and Friends of the Museum for the conference dinner. Tim Bowden, former host of ABC TV's *Backchat*, will be speaking at the dinner. $85.00. Bookings essential: telephone Friends of the Museum on (02) 6208 5048.

Sunday 7
10.00am – 2.00pm The Hall
Treasure Day. Learn how to look after your family treasures and talk to our knowledgeable conservators and curators about your heirlooms or amazing junk-shop discovery. No valuations provided.

TRACKING KULTJA

Saturday 13 – Friday 19
The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Festival
Tracking Kultja will have something for everyone! Highlights include: Bogong Moth ceremonies performed by the Ngambra-Pialligo clan of the Ngunnawal people; George Rrurrambu, Jimmy Little, Stiff Gins, Troy Cassar Daly and Onslaught; Indigenous art, craft, music, books and bushtucker; dancing by Saibai State School Dancers; *Shake*, young people exploring Reconciliation with the Canberra Youth Theatre; workshops and forums; and loads of fun!
For more information: telephone 1800 026 132; email trackingkultja@nma.gov.au or visit the Museum's website at www.nma.gov.au

Wednesday 17
9.00am – 4.00pm Canberra Nature Park
Wildflower Tour. Ian Fraser and Margaret McJannett, authors of *Wildflowers of the Bush Capital*, will take the tour to a variety of selected sites in the park. All species will be identified, with a special focus on orchids. The tour group will depart from the Museum. Friends of the Museum $45; Guests $55 (includes transport from the Museum and lunch). Bookings essential: telephone Friends of the Museum on (02) 6208 5048.
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Saturday 20
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree. Stories from around the world with Natalie Aked. Several stories are told within the hour. Limit of 30.

Sunday 21
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
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Wednesday 24
10.00am – 11.00am Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree for under five-year-olds. Environmental stories with Marina Knight. Limit of 30.
11.30am – 12.30pm Studio
ACT Children's Week Launch. To help celebrate International Children's Day, the ACT Children's Week launch will be followed by an afternoon presentation by child psychologist and talk-back radio personality Dr John Irvine in the SAS Visions Theatre. For further information, telephone (02) 6208 5145.

Saturday 27
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree with Patsy Allen. Limit of 30.

Sunday 28
11.00am – 2.00pm Story Place
Storytelling Day. To celebrate ACT Children's Week, there will be storytelling sessions on the hour from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Children will be operating the 'touch trolleys' from various locations around the Museum and telling visitors about their special collections.

Wednesday 31
10.00am – 11.00am Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree for under five-year-olds. Environmental stories with Marina Knight. Limit of 30.

School Holiday Program

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER

Monday 1, Tuesday 2, Wednesday 3, Thursday 4, Friday 5, Sunday 7, Monday 8, Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10, Saturday 13, Sunday 14
11.00am – 12.00pm Story Place
Stories in the Boab Tree. Stories that will take you back in time or into the future. Handle objects, watch puppets, solve a mystery or discover a secret. Limit of 30.

Wednesday 3, Saturday 6, Monday 8
2.00pm – 2.45pm Studio
Alien Invasion — Science versus Rascally Rabbits and Prickly Pears: Performance. Join 'Mouldy' and 'Scruffy' as they investigate alien invasions in Australia. Help them unravel the clues and solve the mystery. An interactive live performance based on themes of the *Tangled Destinies* exhibition. Fun for the whole family. $4 per person; family $10; Friends of the Museum $3 and family $8. Bookings recommended: telephone (02) 6208 5345.

Thursday 4
11.00am – 12.30pm Studio
Write Your Own Adventure: Workshop. Write your own megafauna adventure with Jackie French as she journeys back in time to a land of *diprotodons*, demon ducks of doom and *muttaburrasauruses*! In this workshop participants will learn how to develop a story based on characters from the *Australia's Lost Kingdoms* exhibition. Suitable for children over 8. $5 per person; family $12; Friends of the Museum and members of the ACT Writers Centre (Youth Program) $4 and family $10. Bookings recommended: telephone (02) 6208 5345.
12.30pm – 1.00pm Outside the Museum Shop
Book Signing with Jackie French.
2.00pm – 3.00pm Studio
Turning History into Stories and Stories into History: Presentation. Join author Jackie French in a fun, interactive presentation showing how she turns the stories of the past into award-winning books. Suitable for families and children over 8. $5 per person; family $12; Friends of the Museum and members of the ACT Writers Centre (Youth Program) $4 and family $10.

Saturday 6
11.00am – 12.00pm Yowie Room
Face Painting. In conjunction with the *Australia's Lost Kingdoms* exhibition, explore the Museum as one of the megafauna. Choose to become a demon duck of doom, a killer kangaroo, a *muttaburrasaurus*, marsupial lion or the largest marsupial that ever lived, a *diprotodon*. Limited numbers.

Sunday 7
2.00pm – 3.30pm Yowie Room
Mega-mysteries with Tim the Yowie Man: Presentation. Discover how to unravel the mysteries of the megafauna with cryptonaturalist and investigator Tim the Yowie Man. Suitable for children over 8. $5 per person; family $12; Friends of the Museum $4 and family $10. Limit of 30. Bookings recommended: telephone 02) 6208 5345.

november

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Thursday 22
5.30pm – 7.30pm Friends Lounge
Pudding Magic with Marianne Albury Colless: Twilight Talk. Whatever happened to the plums in plum pudding? A culinary adventure exploring our changing ideas about Christmas festivities. Friends event – all welcome.
Friends of the Museum $10; Guests $15.
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Details of events may change without notice. Activities are free unless otherwise indicated. Friends of the National Museum of Australia are eligible for discounts. For the latest information check the Museum's website at www.nma.gov.au

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Wednesday 10
2.00pm – 3.00pm Studio
Giants, Past and Present: Guest Talk. Join Greg McNamara of the Australian Geological Survey Organisation and Ross Bennett of the Australian Reptile Centre, to find out how different today's reptiles are from the dinosaurs, by looking at fossils and live snakes.
2.00pm – 3.00pm SAS Visions Theatre
The Tales Behind the Stories. Join author Paul Jennings in a fun-filled hour as he reveals some of the strange tales behind his even stranger stories.
$5 per person; family $12; Friends of the Museum and members of the ACT Writers Centre (Youth Program) $4 and family $10.
3.15pm – 3.30pm Outside the Museum Shop
Book Signing with Paul Jennings.

Saturday 13, Sunday 14
2.00pm – 3.00pm Studio
Boori Pryor: Workshop. To help celebrate the *Tracking Kultja Festival*, join Boori Pryor in a hands-on session as he invites participants to dance and act out Dreamtime stories from his childhood.
$5 per person; family $12; Friends of the Museum $4 and family $10.
Bookings recommended: telephone (02) 6208 5345.

exhibitions

The National Museum of Australia tells the stories of people, events and issues that have shaped and influenced our nation. As well as using artefacts as the focus of its stories and exhibitions, the Museum also utilises cutting-edge communication technologies.

The exhibitions are:

- **Tangled Destinies:** Land and People in Australia
- **Nation:** Symbols of Australia
- **Eternity:** Stories from the Emotional Heart of Australia
- **Horizons:** The Peopling of Australia since 1788
- **First Australians:** Gallery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Free entry.

Touring Blockbuster Exhibitions

Australia's Lost Kingdoms

Proudly presented by Cadbury Yowie and the Australian Museum

Open until 14 October 2001.
Australia's Lost Kingdoms explores Australia's unique prehistoric animals, including dinosaurs and giant marsupials, and the forces that have changed our flora and fauna over the last 100 million years.
Adults $8, Children $5, Family $16; Concessions $6; Schools $4 per student; Special rates apply for Friends of the Museum.
Venue: Temporary Exhibition Gallery

Focus Gallery Exhibitions

Building the Museum

Open until 14 September 2001.
This exhibition celebrates the opening of the National Museum of Australia. It explores and explains the stages of the building's development, from design through to construction and fit-out.
Free entry.
Venue: Focus Gallery – Nation (lower level).

Yirrkala

This exhibition explores the ceremonial practices of the Yirrkala Aboriginal community of the Northern Territory. It reveals the journey of three ancestral women to special sites belonging to three clans.
Free entry.
Venue: Focus Gallery – First Australians (lower level).

Daily

- Open Collections in the First Australians Gallery allows visitors to view over 1000 objects from the National Museum of Australia's Indigenous collections. Free entry every hour from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Venue: First Australians Gallery (lower level).
- Films on Museum themes are shown at 2.00pm each day. Free entry. Venue: SAS Visions Theatre.

Festivals

Tracking Kultja

13 - 19 October
The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Festival. Music, dance, storytelling, art, craft, film, workshops, tours, bushtucker, broadcasts and fun! Hosted by the Museum with national institutions around Canberra. (See entry in October for more information.)

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Museum information

Acton Peninsula, Canberra ACT 2600, Australia
(PO Box 1901 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia)

Telephone (02) 6208 5000
Fax (02) 6208 5099

Website www.nma.gov.au
Email information@nma.gov.au

Opening hours
9.00am – 5.00pm daily (closed Christmas Day)

Museum Shop
Telephone (02) 6208 5222

For information about educational programs
Telephone (02) 6208 5119

School and group bookings
Telephone (02) 6208 5345 (Monday to Friday)
Fax (02) 6208 5148
Email bookings@nma.gov.au

Venue hire and function bookings
Telephone (02) 6208 5175
Email s.mckinnon@nma.gov.au
Axis Restaurant (02) 6208 5176
Cuiseum (02) 6208 5177
Backyard Café (02) 6208 5178
Catering administration (02) 6208 5185

Friends of the National Museum of Australia
Become a Friend of the Museum and receive special benefits and discounts.
Telephone (02) 6208 5048
Email friends@nma.gov.au

A free park-and-ride Action bus service will run on weekends every 10 minutes between the city and the Museum from the carpark opposite Canberra Rydges. The first bus leaves the city at 10:30am. The last bus leaves the Museum at 4:00pm.

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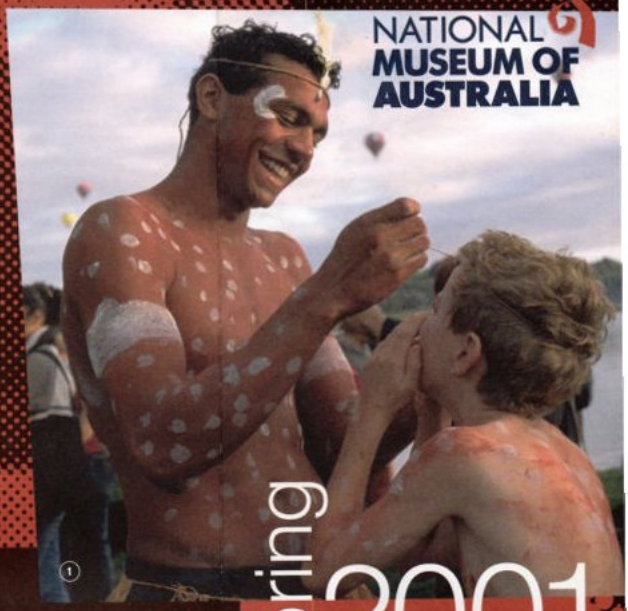

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TOMORROW

YESTERDAY

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photo (1)
Bruce and Rex at the opening dawn ceremony of the Museum.
Photo: George Serras. NMA 2001.

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Isaac Wasa performing at the opening of the Museum.
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photo (3)
Michael Donovan and Jimmy Little performing at the Museum.
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photo (4)
Ngunnawal smoking ceremony for the opening of the Museum.
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